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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed November 5, 1999, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on February 5, 2000.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, after "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION", between lines 4 and 5, please insert the following new paragraph:

-Cross Reference to Related Application: This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 08/975,039, filed November 18, 1997, pending.-